

IRC Research Guide
for
Dr. Smith's World Studies:
Commodities and Trade - Histories
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REFERENCE BOOKS

<i>History of World Trade Since 1450</i>	R 382.09 MCCU HIST 2006 *
<i>Greenwood Encyclopedia of Daily Life: A Tour through History...</i>	R 390 SALI GREE 2004
<i>Oxford Encyclopedia of Maritime History</i>	R 623.803 HATT OXFO 2007
[also available in the Oxford Reference Online database]	
<i>The Cambridge World History of Food</i>	R641.309 KIPL CAMB 2000
[also available in the CREDO Reference database]	
<i>Daily Life Through World History in Primary Documents</i>	R 909 MORR DAIL 2009
<i>The Oxford Companion to Food</i>	R641.3 DAVI OXFO 1999
<i>Southeast Asia</i> 3 vols.	R 959.003 OOI SOUT 2004
<i>Encyclopedia of Modern Asia</i> 6 vols.	R 950.03 LEVI ENCY 2002 *
<i>Encyclopedia of Asian History</i> 4 vols.	R 950 AS 1987
<i>Kodansha Encyclopedia of Japan</i> 9 vols.	R 952.003 KODA 1983
<i>Encyclopedia of India</i> 4 vols.	R 954.003 WOLF ENCY 2006 *
<i>Oxford Encyclopedia of the Modern Islamic World</i> 4 vols.	R 909.097671 ESPO OXFO 1995
<i>Encyclopedia of the Modern Middle East & North Africa</i> 4 vols.	R 956.003 MATT ENCY 2004
<i>Encyclopedia of African History</i> 3 vols.	R 960.003 SHIL ENCY 2005

* [Also available as e-reference books in the Gale Virtual Reference Library]



RESERVE BOOKS

Books on spices, trade, ethnobotany and “commodities biographies” such as:

<i>Gold and Spices: The Rise of Commerce in the Middle Ages</i>	382.094 FAVI GOLD 1998
<i>Silks, Scents and Spice: Tracing the World's Trade Routes...</i>	382.1 LAWT SILK 2004
<i>The Spice Route: A History</i>	382.41383 KEAY SPIC 2006
<i>Spices in the Indian Ocean World</i>	382.41383 PEAR SPIC 1996
<i>Curry: A Tale of Cooks and Conquerors</i>	394.12 COLL CURR 2006
<i>Food of China</i>	394.120951 ANDE FOOD 1988
<i>Eating India: An Odyssey into the Food and Culture of the Land of Spices</i>	394.120954 BANE EATI 2007
<i>Histories of Maize</i>	633.1509 STAL HIST 2006
<i>Citrus: A History</i>	634.304 LASZ CITR 2007
<i>Why We Eat What We Eat: How the Encounter Between the New World and the Old Changed the Way Everyone on the Planet Eats</i>	641.01 SOKO WHY 1991
<i>Beans: A History</i>	641.3565 ALBA BEAN 2007
<i>Near a Thousand Tables: A History of Food</i>	641.3009 FERN NEAR 2002
<i>The True History of Chocolate</i>	641.3374 COE TRUE 2000
<i>Food: The History of Taste</i>	641.3 FREE FOOD 2007
<i>Hard to Swallow: A Brief History of Food</i>	641.3 LACE HARD 1994
<i>Uncommon Grounds: The History of Coffee</i>	641.3373 PEND UNCO 1999
<i>Food in World History</i>	641.3009 PILC FOOD 2006
<i>Milk: The Surprising Story of Milk through the Ages</i>	641.37109 MEND MILK 2008
<i>Mapping the Silk Road and Beyond: 2,000 Years of Exploring the East</i>	911.5 NEBE MAPP 2004
<i>Seeds of Change: Five Plants That Transformed Mankind</i>	581.61 HOB
<i>Plants, People and Culture: The Science of Ethnobotany</i>	581.6 BALI PLAN 1996
<i>Medieval Cuisine of the Islamic World: A Concise History</i>	641.593949 ZAOU MEDI 2007
<i>Where Flavor was Born: Recipes and Culinary Travels along the...</i>	641.6383 VIES WHER 2007
<i>Africans: The History of a Continent</i>	960 ILIF AFRI 1995

Many other books in the general stacks under the call number 641.3 (and following).



E-Reference Books

Link to “” from IRC home page: <http://staff.imsa.edu/irc/>

Click directly on the database names below & try Advanced Search options!

- CREDO Reference, containing:
 - Cambridge World History of Food (also in print)
- Oxford Reference Online Premium, containing:
 - Oxford Encyclopedia of Maritime Trade (also in print)
- Gale Virtual Reference Library, containing:
 - Encyclopedia of Food and Culture
 - History of World Trade since 1450 (also in print)
 - Encyclopedia of India (also in print)
 - Encyclopedia of Modern Asia (also in print)
- World Book Advanced



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History Reference Center

- Contains journal articles, book reviews, excerpts from reference books, biographies, images, etc.
- See options to “Narrow Results” on left side.
- Example search:
 - Medieval AND merchant*

Historical Abstracts

- Use an asterisk * as wildcard: commodit*
- Use double quotation marks for phrases: “trade route”
- Select language(s) if you want to specify.
- Type in date range in “Time Period” if applicable

JSTOR

- Caution: Do not narrow by “Abstract”
- Note: “Date Range” in JSTOR refers to the date the article was published.
- Tip: You may want to narrow to “Article”
- Example search:
 - trade OR farming (in full text)
 - AND
 - diaspora OR conflict* or rebellion* (in full text)
 - AND
 - coffee (or your specific food)
 - You could try searching your food item as a word in the item title.
 - Limit to “articles”

ProQuest

- Contains scholarly journal and news articles (see tabs when you get your results).
- Note keywords in “Suggested Topics” to expand or refine your search.



Websites

Food Timeline - available at <http://www.foodtimeline.org>

Created by a librarian, this web site contains an enormous amount of original material as well as links to related sources, all relating to culinary topics.

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